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Valley of the Moon Amateur Radio Club WIRELESS

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WHAT THEY REFER TO DOWN UNDER AS A NEW ZEALAND SCREWDRIVER

(COME TO THINK OF IT, THAT'S WHAT WE CALL IT ALSO)

FROM THE TOP OF THE HILL

First I would like to thank all the officers who did so much to help keep this club running. When everyone chips in, it makes it a lot easier.

A special thanks to George for all the work as vice president and welcome Dan, KG6LJN as our new vice president.

A few notes on New Zealand. It is the most beautiful place I have ever seen. Come by some time and see the pictures.
I was able to operate VHF/UHF while down there. They have a linked UHF repeater system that connects most of the south island to the north. I was able to QSO my friend Murray, ZL1CN, several times on this system. All the repeater frequencies and locations can be found on /www.nzart.org.nz.

There are about 6000 hams in N.Z. but according to Murray only about 100 are active on HF. A big accomplishment is to work Australia on 70 cm.

Murray bought Steve's, K2IYQ, ICOM 706 and in short order had it installed in his car. It must be working fine because he worked England from the car as we were waiting for a ferry.

Our regular meeting night will be our Christmas party at the Depot Hotel Restaurant. Thanks to Eileen, KG6QNT, and Ken, N6KN for taking care of all the details. Hope to see you all there.
I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May Santa fill your Xmas stockings with lots radio gear.

VOMARC MINUTES

MEETING MINUTES, 17 November 2004

George Mauer, Vice President opened the meeting at 1938 hrs.

First order of business was continuation of nominations for 2005 officers.
Nominations were opened; no new nominations were made; nominations were closed.

Tom, KG6QJQ, moved that we have the meeting first before the Quest presentation. Motion carried.
Introductions were made all around of members and quests.
Minutes of the October meet were accepted as printed in the news letter.

Treasures Report: Ken, N6KM, reported that we have $630.97 in the bank and all bills are current.

ACS Report: Hospital Drill will be November 18, at 8am. Ken N6KM, is now the Coastal

Region ACS Representative for Sonoma County.

The new equipment is at the EOC and will be installed by Mike, WB6TMH, and Darrel, WD6BOR. Some of the old equipment may be used for a station at Sonoma Valley Hospital.

Mike, WB6TMH, VOMARC Radio Officer, reports that equipment from Steve, K2IYQ, has been checked and is on the NoBARC swap web site.

VOMARC website: after elections the President and Vice President will get together and set up the calendar for the 2005 year so it may be posted on the website.

VE Report: JOEL, NN6J, VE Liaison, reported that three Tech candidates passed and one General Passed. Next session is in February, 2005.

Comments on the tube sorting project: The club needs to test the tubes and list them for E-bay sale.

Christmas Meeting/Dinner: Sign up with Eileen,KG6QNT, by emailing her at Eileen@vom.com for reservations and then mail a check to VOMARC, c/o the Sonoma Police Department, 175 First Street West, Sonoma, 95476 (although it might be close enough that you should just bring your check to the dinner).

Dues for 2005 are $15.00 as voted last meeting.

Election of Officers:

Nominations were:
President: Jim Hill, Eileen Adams.

Vice President: George Mauer, Dan Sorrick.

Secretary: Joan Brady.

Treasurer: Ken McTaggart.

The results of the balloting were:
President: Jim Hill, K6UUW,
Vice President: Dan Sorrick, KG6LJN,
Secretary: Joan Brady, W6WXU,
Treasurer: Ken McTagggart, N6KM.

Congratulations to all.

Attendance: 16 members and 4 guests.

Meeting adjourned.

Emily Clarke , gave a wonderful presentation of the use of hand-helds to contact satellites.
She Identified the OSCAR satellites that are the easiest to communicate with and their pathways. We should have her back next year for an update and another presentation she has developed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: DAN , KG6LJN

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Honorary President in Perpetuity

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Jim Hill, K6UUW – President

George Maurer, K6ITE– Vice-Pres

Joan Brady, W6WXU – Secretary

Ken McTaggart, N6KM – Treasurer

Eileen Adams, KG6QNT, Membership Chair

Mike Miller, WB6TMH – Radio Officer

Ken McTaggert, N6KM – ACS

Jan Bush, AE6FQ - Webmeister

Darrel Jones, WD6BOR – Editor

Receipt of the Wireless is one of the most sought after benefits of membership in VOMARC.

CLUB MEETINGS are held on the third Wednesday of each month, alternating between McDougal Hall at the Sonoma Developmental Center, Eldridge, and the Sonoma Fire Station, 630 2nd Street West, Sonoma. Meetings start at 19:30 local (7:30 P.M.).

WEB PAGE:
http://www.vomarc.org/

Nets are held every Wednesday night at 19:30 (7:30 P.M.) local, except meeting nights on the 145.350 repeater, -600 kHz, PL 88.5 Hz.

ACS holds a net each Monday evening at 19:30 local on the 146.205, +600, PL 88.5 Hz repeater.

PACKET STATION INFO: The VOMARC packet station is on 144.910 as “SNV1EC”. “SNVGW” can be used as a gateway digipeating on 223.66 MHz. The node name is “SNVND”.

CLUB BREAKFASTS are held on the first Saturday of each month at Issa’s Restaurant, 18999 Sonoma Highway, Sonoma. The fun starts at 09:30 local.

Comments and submissions of material may be sent to:

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THE VOMARC CHRISTMAS PARTY IS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE DEPOT HOTEL, 241 FIRST STREET WEST, SONOMA
CU THERE!

VOMARC Christmas Party
The VOMARC Christmas party will be December 15 at the Depot Restaurant. The no-host bar (wine and beer) will open at 6pm and dinner will be served at 6:30pm. Dinner will include salad, choice of chicken or mushroom raviolis, and dessert. The cost will be $31 per person.
Sign up now. You may make your reservations by emailing Eileen (Eileen@vom.com) or by sending in the handy form in this newsletter. Make your checks payable to VOMARC. Reservations are due by December 8.

HANDY CHRISTMAS PARTY SIGN-UP FORM
Name:_____
# of Chicken dinners:_____ # of Pasta dinners:_____
Total:_____Check enclosed

VOMARC MEMBERSHIP
VOMARC 2004 Membership Dues: $10/year individual; $5/year family member.

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